

Therefore, it may be necessary for the PHS to contact the prospective trainee before the appointment can be approved to confirm the status of the debt and ascertain the payment arrangements for its liquidation. Individuals failing to liquidate indebtedness to the Federal Government in a businesslike manner place themselves at risk of not receiving PHS financial assistance.

The PHS awarding component shall notify the sponsoring institution in writing of its decision regarding the approval of a prospective appointee where this form discloses delinquency on Federal debt.

The trainee must check the appropriate box. If the "Yes" box is checked, please provide an explanation in the space provided. The question applies only to the person requesting financial assistance, and does not apply to the person who signs the form as the Program Director.

Examples of Federal Debt include delinquent taxes, audit disallowances, guaranteed or direct student loans, FHA loans, business loans, and other miscellaneous administrative debts. For purposes of this certification, the following definitions of "delinquency" apply:

- For the **direct loans and fellowships** (whether awarded directly to the applicant by the Federal Government or by an institution using Federal funds), a debt more than 31 days past due on a scheduled financial payment. (This definition excludes "service" payback under a National Research Service Award.)
- For **guaranteed and insured loans**, recipients of a loan guaranteed by the Federal Government that the Federal Government has repurchased from a lender because the borrower breached the loan agreement and is in default.
- For **grants**, organizations in receipt of a "Notice of Grants Cost Disallowance" which have not repaid the disallowed amount or which have not resolved the disallowance. (This definition excludes disallowance in an "appeal" status.)

Item 19. Certification and Signature of Trainee. Self explanatory.

Item 20. Certification, Signature, and Address of Program Director. Self explanatory.

Supplemental Instructions for Research Supplements for Minority Investigators Under the Initiative for Underrepresented Minorities in Biomedical Research

Form PHS 2271 is generally used for National Research Service Award (NRSA) and career development programs. The information to be collected on this form is being requested to assist in postaward management, and in the evaluation of the Initiative for Underrepresented Minorities in Biomedical Research.

This form should be completed and submitted with the request for supplemental funding. All items should be completed according to the original instructions unless described below:

5. Prior Support. Answer "yes" and complete this item only if prior support was provided under the National Research Service Award (NRSA) program.

12. Period of this Appointment. The period shown will range from 3 to 12 months. A single period of appointment will not exceed 12 months, and will coincide with the budget period of the research grant from which support is being provided.

17. Support for Period of Appointment. Do not complete.